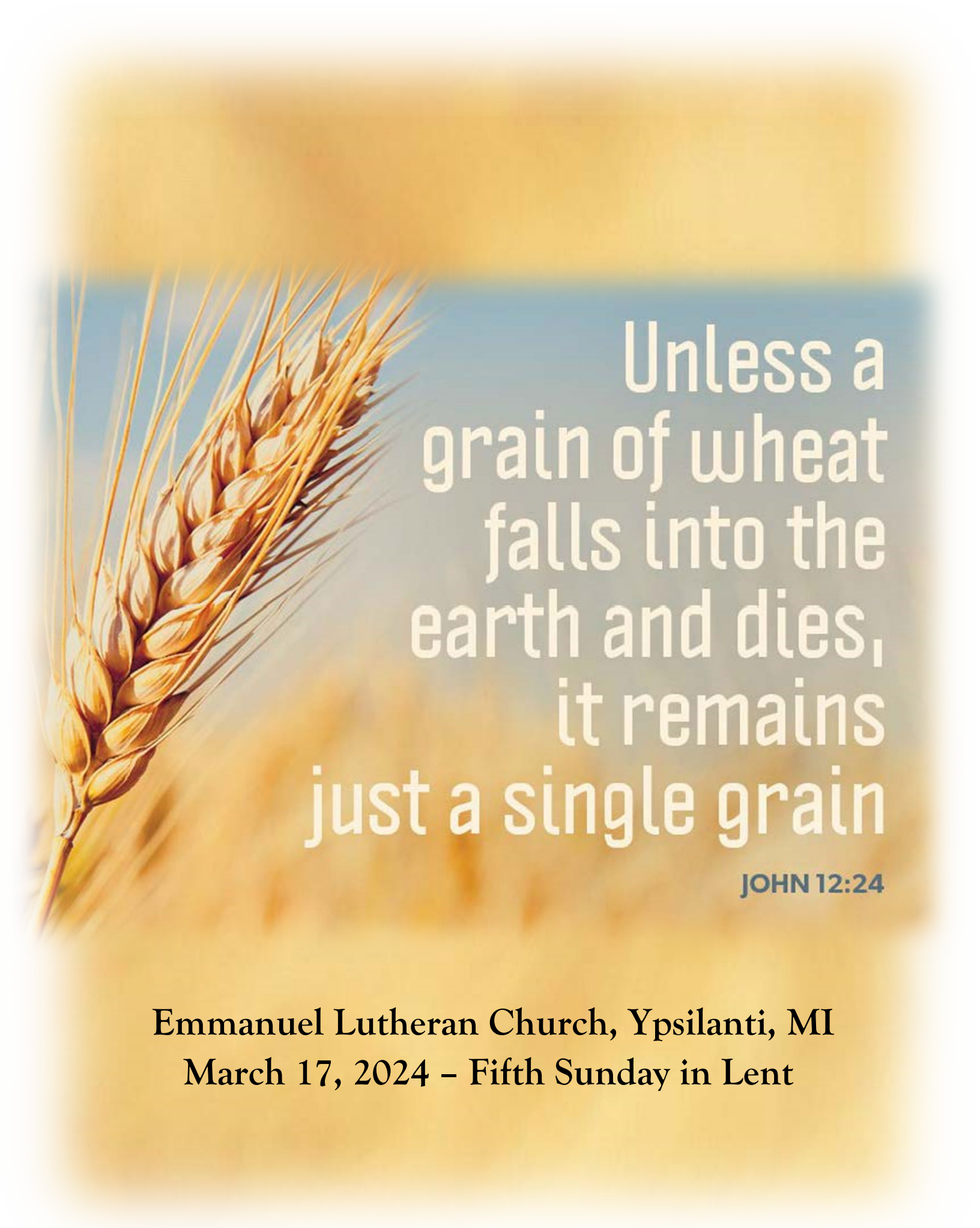


Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI
March 17, 2024 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Worship Key
P: Pastor
A: Assisting Ministers
C: Congregation

The Gathering

Prelude

"Moving Music"
by Jacob Carroll

Emmanuel Handbell Choir

Call to Worship – *Author, Bruce D. Prewer*

P: The grace of Christ Jesus be with you all.
C: And also with you.
P: We each have a right to be here,
a right not based on our righteousness but on God's free grace.
C: O give thanks to our God who is good, whose saving love endures forever.
P: Let those who are redeemed by God declare it,
rescued from trouble and gathered from many lands;
C: From the east and from the west, from the north and from the south,
give thanks to God who is always good.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who writes the law on our hearts,
who draws all people together through Jesus.
C: Amen.

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,
C: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free.
We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.
We speak in ways that silence others.
We are silent when we should speak up.
We keep score in our hearts.
We let hurts grow into hatred.
For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord.
Amen.

P: Here is a flood of grace:
Out of love for the whole world,
God draws near to us,
breaks every snare of sin,
washes away our wrongs,
and restores the promise of life
through ✠ Jesus Christ.
C: Amen.

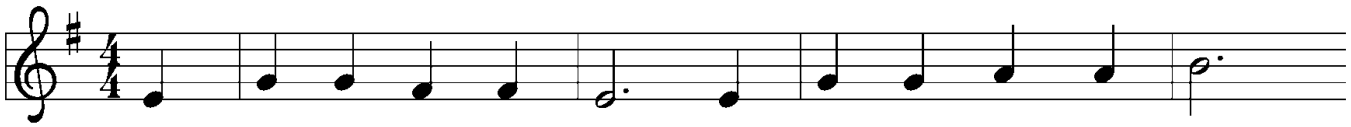
Appeal to Devotion – *Author, Bruce D. Prewer*

P: God of ever-flowing love,
with trust in your overflowing grace we gather together this day.
C: By faith we come before you not as strangers but as friends.

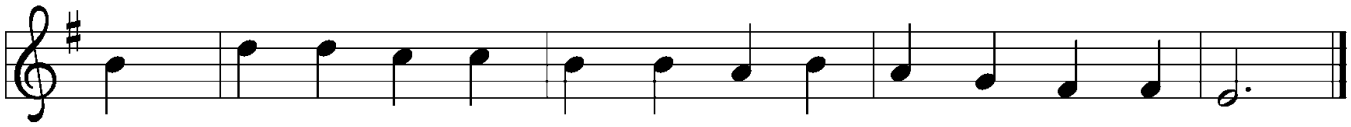
P: By faith in your grace we worship you,
knowing that you do not belittle our patchy praise.
C: By faith in your grace we expect to hear your Word,
and by faith we hope to fulfil it.

P: Encourage us, loving God, to be bold in our trust,
enthusiastic in worship, and humble in our service.
C: Through Christ Jesus our Redeemer. Amen!

Gathering Hymn – *"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"*



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, by anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,



from self - ish pas - sions set me free and make me pure with - in.
let me your lov - ing ser - vant be and taste your prom - ised rest.
through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point out your cho - sen way.
I may the_e - ter - nal bright - ness see and share your joy at last.

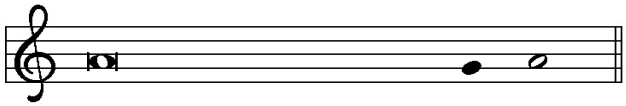
Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375–430; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808–1896, alt.
Music: SOUTHWELL, W. Daman, *The Psalmes of Dauid*, 1579, alt.

Greeting

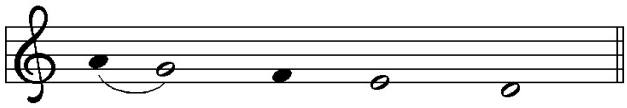
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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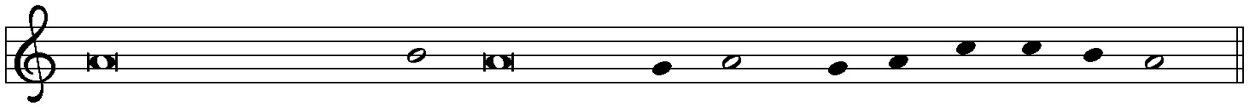
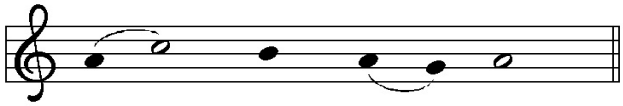


For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



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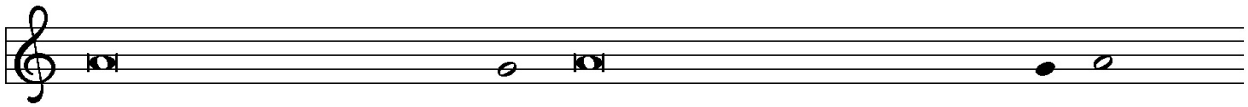
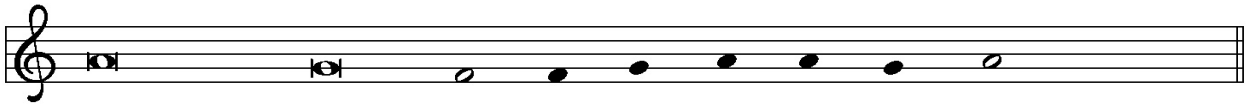
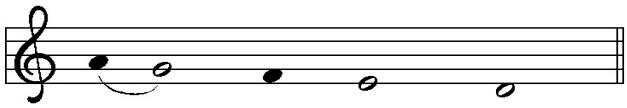


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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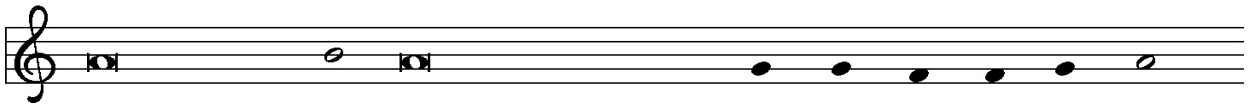
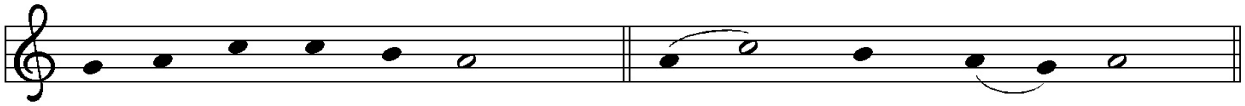
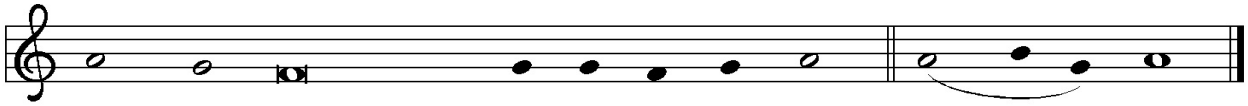


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Word

First Reading – Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.

A: A reading from **Jeremiah.**

31 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant
with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the
covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to
bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was
their husband, says the LORD. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with
the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within
them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall
be my people. 34 No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other,
"Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the
greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin
no more.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 51:1-12

Create in me a clean heart, O God. (Ps. 51:10)

P: [1]Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
C: [2]Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.
P: [3]For I know my offenses,
and my sin is ever before me.
C: [4]Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.
P: [5]Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother's womb.
C: [6]Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.
P: [7]Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.
C: [8]Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
P: [9]Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my wickedness.
C: [10]Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
P: [11]Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
C: [12]Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.

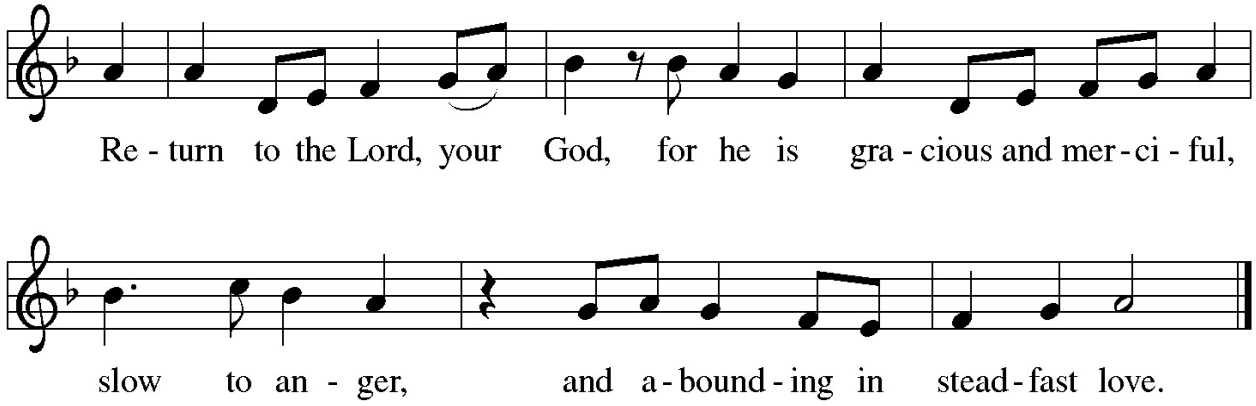
A: A reading from **Hebrews.**

[5]Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by
the one who said to him,
"You are my Son,
today I have begotten you";
[6]as he says also in another place,
"You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek."
[7]In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud
cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was
heard because of his reverent submission. [8]Although he was a Son, he learned
obedience through what he suffered; [9]and having been made perfect, he became
the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, [10]having been designated by
God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

A: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



Gospel: John 12:20-33

Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

P: The Gospel according to **John.**
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[20]Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some
Greeks. [21]They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to
him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." [22]Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew
and Philip went and told Jesus. [23]Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for
the Son of Man to be glorified. [24]Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat
falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears
much fruit. [25]Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in
this world will keep it for eternal life. [26]Whoever serves me must follow me, and
where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will
honor.

[27]"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from
this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. [28]Father,
glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I
will glorify it again." [29]The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was
thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." [30]Jesus answered, "This
voice has come for your sake, not for mine. [31]Now is the judgment of this world;
now the ruler of this world will be driven out. [32]And I, when I am lifted up from
the earth, will draw all people to myself." [33]He said this to indicate the kind of
death he was to die.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

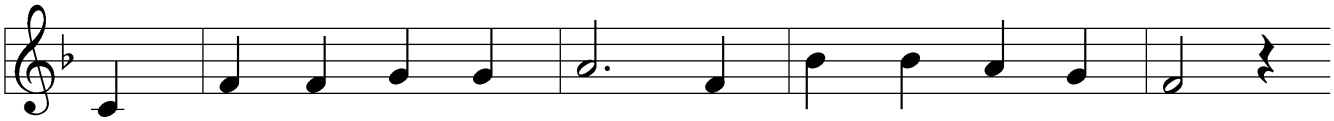
Children's Time — Pr. Joshua Rinas

A special message for children.

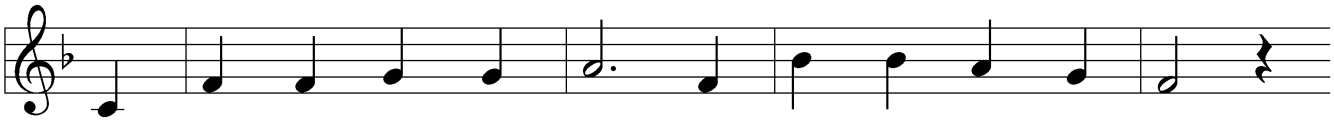
Sermon — Pr. Joshua Rinas

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

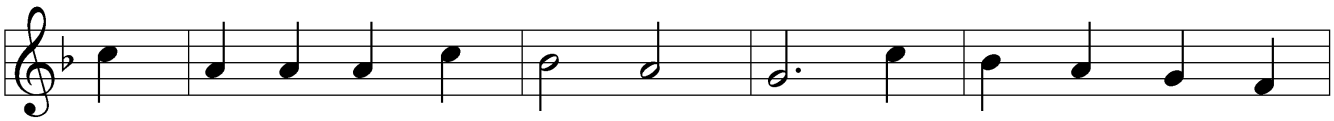
Hymn of the Day – *"My Song Is Love Unknown" (v.1-4)*



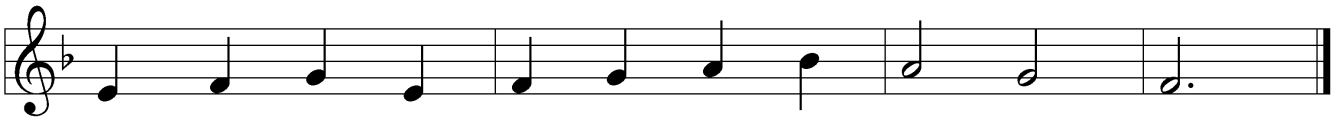
1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,
2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;
3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing;
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?



love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.
but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
re - sound-ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.



Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail
But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his
Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they
Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and



flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?
life did spend; who at my need his life did spend!
thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry.
'gainst him rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.

Apostles' Creed

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

A: Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

A: God of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. We give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of children (*organizations may be named*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of good will, you restore what is broken. We pray for any experiencing estrangement, conflict, or abuse in families and intimate relationships. Protect and comfort all who are vulnerable, especially those living in institutions. Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in this congregation (*specific ministries may be named*). Move us to reach out to any who are homebound, lonely, grieving, in treatment, or ill. Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

Brief Pause for the congregation to respond.

A: God of promise, we give thanks for the saints whose faith inspires us *especially Patrick, missionary to Ireland, whom we commemorate today*. Grant us faith to trust in your everlasting love. Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

A: Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
C: Amen.

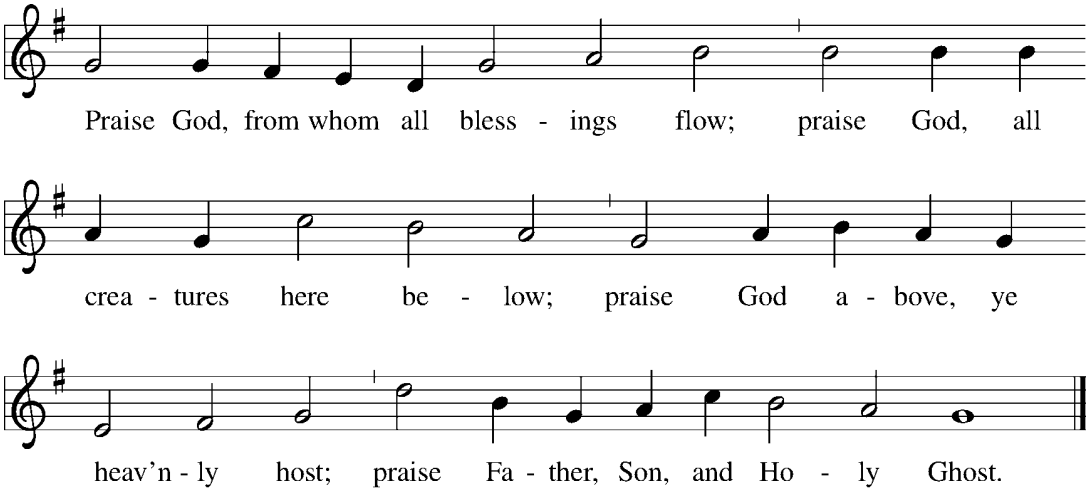
Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

The Meal

Offering

Offering Hymn – *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.
Bless these gifts that we have gathered
that all people may know your goodness.
Feed us not only with this holy food
but with hunger for justice and peace.
We pray this in your name.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

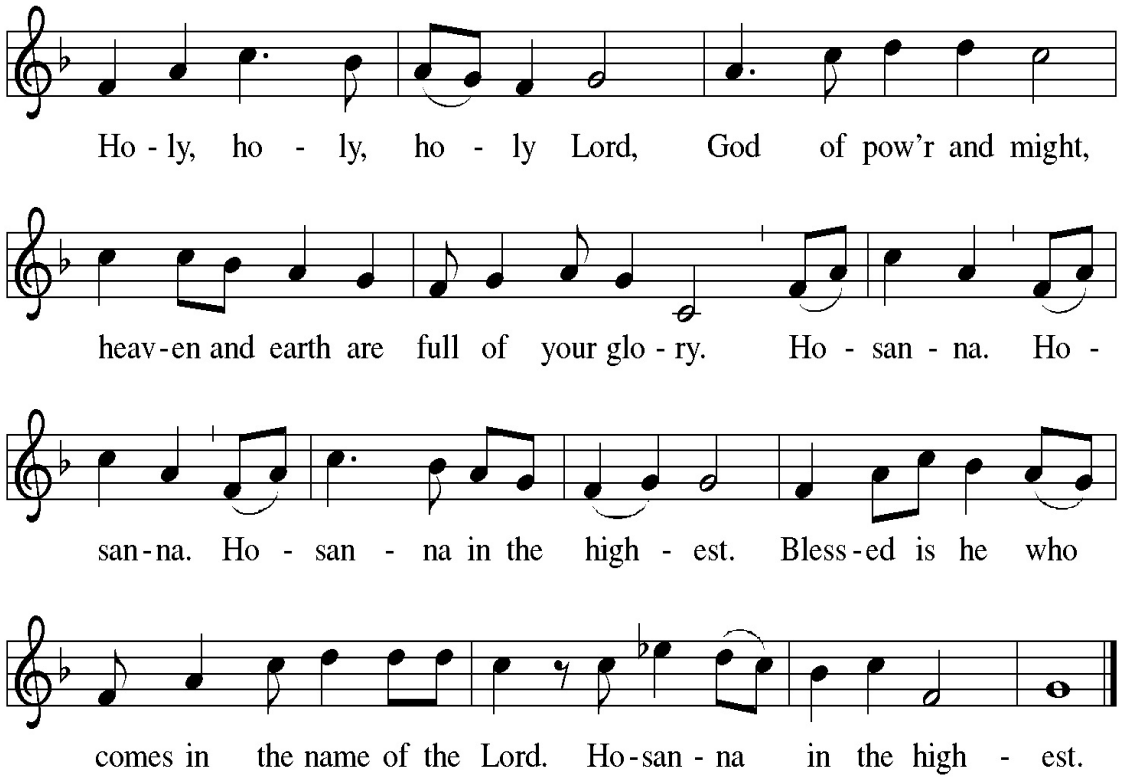
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Thanksgiving at the Table

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

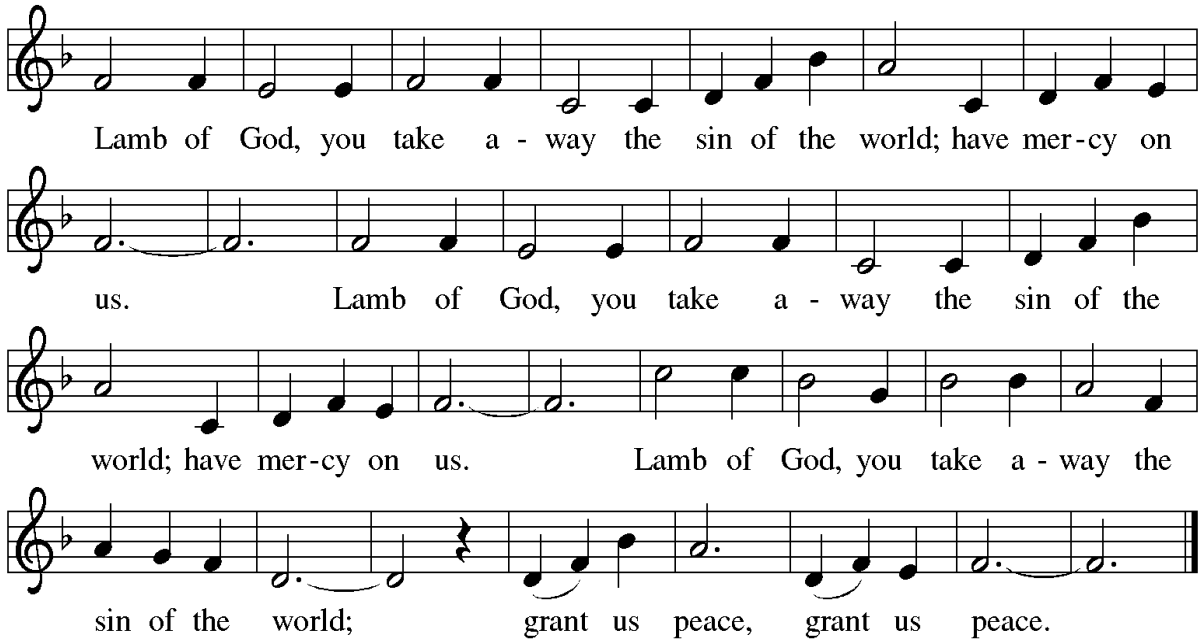
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

Lamb of God Canticle



Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948
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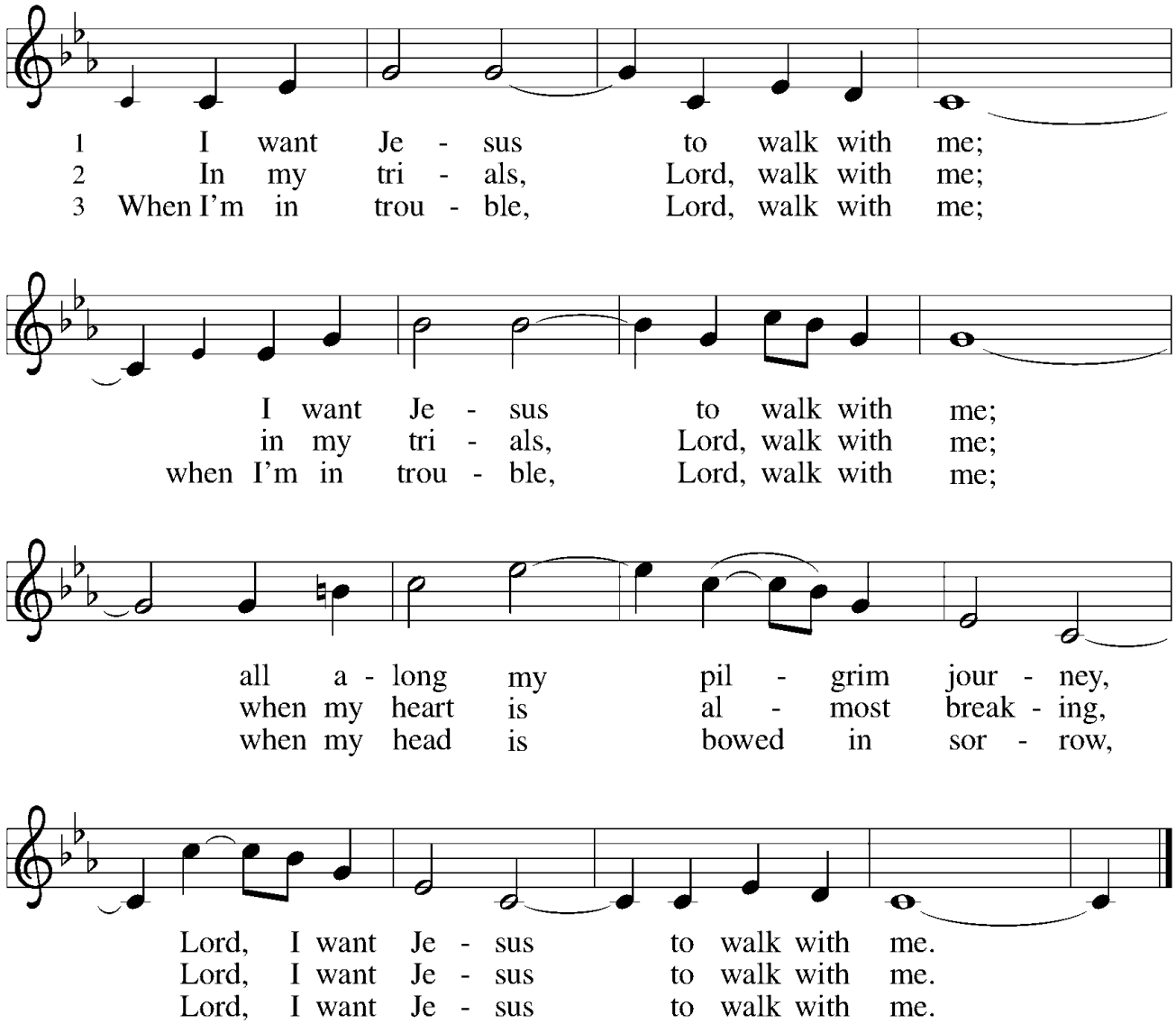
Communion

Communion Hymn – *"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"*

Led by the Emmanuel Chancel Choir (Please join in singing)



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Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life.
C: Amen.

Prayer After Communion

The assisting minister leads one of the following or a similar prayer after communion.

A: Let us pray.
Generous God,
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,
now make us one loaf to feed the world;
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.
C: Amen.

Announcements

The Sending

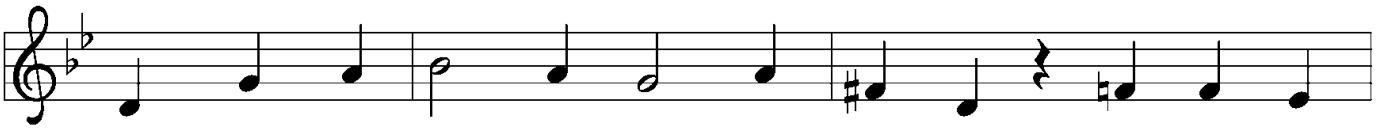
Blessing

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

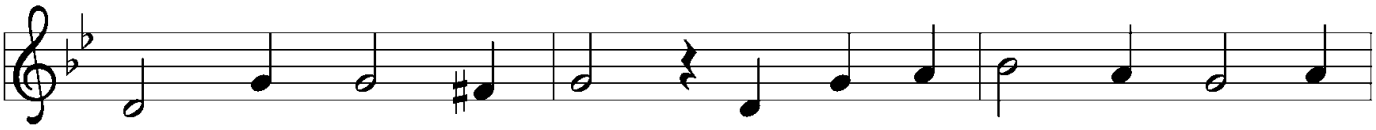
P: Beloved,
we are God's own people,
holy, washed, renewed.

God bless you and keep you,
shower you with mercy,
fill you with courage,
and ✠ give you peace.
C: Amen.

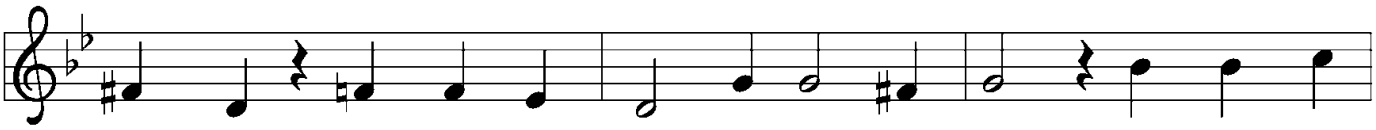
Sending Hymn – *"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"*



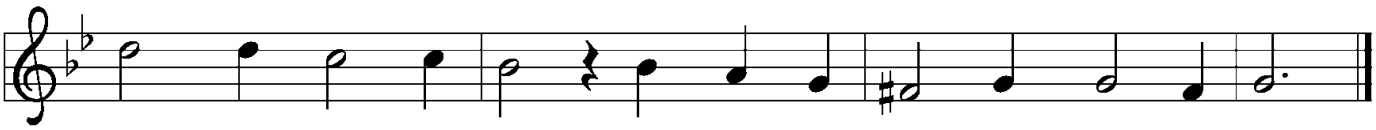
1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

Text: Georg Neumark, 1621–1681; tr. composite
Music: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT, Georg Neumark
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Dismissal

The assisting minister may send the assembly into mission.

A: Go in peace. Share your bread.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, if this is your first time with us, please add your name and information to our Guest book located in the Narthex.
*Hearing assistance devices and cushions are available in the back pew. Please help yourself!

Please remember to wear your Name Tag
It's a help for visitors and folks you may not have seen for a while. If you need a new Name tag, please let Jennifer know.

Outside Spring Cleanup-
Come help clean and beautify Emmanuel for spring and our Holy Week celebrations! The Boy Scouts, Troop 290, will be joining us to help clean up our property. We'll be picking up trash, sticks, raking leaves, sweeping the parking lot, and even pulling some weeds. Some rakes and shovels will be provided, but you should bring your favorite garden gloves, hand spades, rakes and shovels if you can. If you cannot do work, we still need you to help supervise and advise!

Home Visitation
Pastor Joshua and Linda Wilber continue to make home visits, if you or someone you know from Emmanuel would like a home visit, please contact the office.

Children's Bulletins
There will be Children's bulletins, for readers and pre-readers, available by the name tag wall on Sundays!

The Stations of the Cross
You're welcome to journey through the stations of the cross over this Lenten season. Starting on the right side of the Sanctuary, the fourteen stations travel with Jesus through the passion story. Informational pamphlets are located on the podium in the narthex.

Holy Week Services
Join us for Holy Week Services: Maundy Thursday (3/28), Good Friday (3/29), and Easter Vigil (3/30) services will be held at 7:00pm and Easter Sunday (3/31) at 10:00am.

Wednesday Lenten Supper and Service
We will have Wednesday dinners (**2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20**) followed by Holden Evening Prayer. The dinners will start at 6:00pm and Holden Evening Prayer will start at 7pm.

DisMantle – An Anti-Racist Teach-In
Every Wednesday in Lent (Feb. 21st – March 27th) at Zion Lutheran Church in Ferndale (143 Albany St.) from 6-8pm. We will break bread with a simply supper, break open our theology through an anti-racist lens, and break into shouts of praise with worship. Check bulletin board outside the office for more info.

Thursday Bible Study Class
Pastor Joshua will be leading a Bible Study in the Lounge on Thursdays from 12:30pm - 2:00pm. All are welcome!

Confirmation Spring 2024
Confirmation for kids grades 6-8. Alexa Lokensgard has graciously agreed to continue classes through May. The class will meet **March 17th from 11:30am-1:30pm**. If you have any questions, please contact Alexa.

Let's Go Out to Eat!
You're welcome the Membership Committee for a meal and conversation on **Tuesday, March 19th at 5pm at Aubree's in Depot Town - located at 39 E. Cross St. Ypsilanti, MI 48198.** This is simply a social event meant for people to get to know each other better. Invite a friend who isn't a member at Emmanuel, they're more than welcome!

Food Pantry Needs
The Food Pantry still has an ongoing need for boxes to pack with canned goods. Any box 12 inch x 12 inch x 12 inch but not bigger than 16 inch x 16 inch x 16 inch is used. Shoe boxes are too small. The food pantry boxes need to hold at least 12 cans of food, a box of raisins, 2 boxes of macaroni and cheese, a bag of rice, a bag of cereal and a box of pasta. Boxes can be set near the Food Pantry shelves in the Gathering Area. Thank you!

From Your Membership Committee

We have replenished the supply of Blessing Bags, and we encourage you to take one or two with you. The bags are located outside the office and on the shelves marked Men and Women. Although the bags are all blue, the women's bags have a red ribbon and the men's bags have a blue ribbon. Please, Be a Blessing and take a Bag. Thank you.

Would you like to reward your Emmanuel community?

You can now register Emmanuel as your designation for Kroger community rewards points ($). In your Kroger.com account, click on "MY ACCOUNT" and the bottom pick in the left menu is Community Rewards, where you can search for Emmanuel Lutheran Church or TG750 and then click ENROLL. Thank you!

Ways to Give

Giving can be done online by clicking here. You can also give via text at 734-548-9438. Simply text the amount you would like to give and follow the prompts. You can mail checks to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 N. River St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

PayPal - Select payment type as "Friends and Family" using emmanuelypsi@gmail.com. Please indicate if for a special account (flowers, memorials, etc.) where it says add message.

New Giving Mobile App - Download the Vanco Mobile app for free from the App Store or Google Play. From there, you can make a one-time donation or set up recurring giving right through the app. Just select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation.

This Week at Emmanuel

Sunday, March 17 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

- Handbell Choir 8:45am
- Chancel Choir 9:30am
- Worship 10:00am
- Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm
- Confirmation Class 11:30am – 1:30pm
- Bethel Service 12:00pm
- Scouts 6:00pm
- Shelter Association 7:00pm – 8:00am

Tuesday, March 12

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 10:30am
- Food Delivery 1:00pm
- Let's Go Out to Eat 5:00pm @Aubree's

Wednesday, March 13

- Men's Group Meet 9:00am
- Clothes Closet 9:00am – 10:30am
- Food Pantry 3:00pm – 3:45pm
- **Lenten Supper 6:00pm**
- **Holden Evening Prayer 7:00pm**

Thursday, March 14

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 9:30am
- Bible Study 12:30pm – 2:00pm
- Food Pantry 3:00pm – 3:45pm
- YCC Rehearsal 7:30pm – 9:30pm

Friday, March 15

- NA Meeting 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- Shelter Association 7:00pm – 8:00am

Saturday, March 16

- Outside Clean up 9:00am – 12:00pm
- Women Do Recover (NA group) 3:00pm – 5:00pm
- Shelter Association 7:00pm – 8:00am

Sunday, March 24 – Palm Sunday

- Handbell Choir 8:45am
- Worship 10:00am
- Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm
- **COUNCIL MEETING**
- Bethel Service 12:00pm
- Scouts 6:00pm
- Shelter Association 7:00pm – 8:00am

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God.

Prayers requested for: Chuck, Dan, Judy, Jalen, Coralie, Lynn and Joe.

Worship Service Volunteers needed!
Assisting Ministers –
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044BADAB2FA2FE3-assisting
Altar Flower Sign up -
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044BADAB2FA2FE3-altar
or sign up on the sheet outside the office or call the office (734-482-7121).

Links:
Livestream Worship - https://www.youtube.com/@emmanuelypsi
Giving Online - Online donation
Clothes Closet - ClothesCloset@emmanuelypsi.org
Medical Loan closet – MedicalLoan@emmanuelypsi.org
Food Pantry - FoodPantry@emmanuelypsi.org

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Minister of Choral Conducting..... Jamie Gallupe
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